CENTRAL OHIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

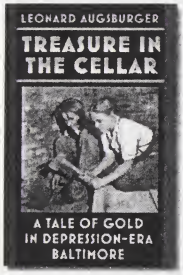
Box 1561, Dublin, OH 43017

April meeting

When: 7 p.m., Apri 21 , 2010
Where: Oakstone Academy
939 S. State St., Westerville
Speaker: ANA tape
Topic: Baltimore treasure

April presentation

In 1934 a pair of boys found a pot filled with gold coins in the basement of a Baltimore row house. In a 2008 ANA presentation Leonard Augsburger detailed what they found, what happened to the treasure and, as far as could be determined, what happened to the boys.



The pot contained $11,200 in face value in gold coins dated between 1834 and 1856. It included 1,789 gold dollars and 317 double eagles. At the time it was found the treasure was estimated to be worth $22,600 -- about $365,000 in today's money.

March presentation

The year 1946 was a stellar year for the Central Ohio Numismatic Association. Roger Serrott, Geoff Gruendl and Loren Rittenhouse were all born that year and they've got the coins to prove it.

For the last six to eight months the three have been building collections of coins issued in 1946. Out of an estimated 284 coins issued by 64 countires , Roger has 175 and Geoff and Lauren each have 75 to 100.

Some are quite rare, such as the 1946 Newfoundland five cent piece and the Belgium Dutch-legend 5 frank, but many can be found in junk boxes.

"None of us is ever going to complete the set," Lauren said. Geoff noted, "But it's fun to do it. That's the main thing."

Roger created the list, which is still growing, and the three made up albums of pages of 2x2s. Roger said he got the idea for a birth-year collection from Heath MacAlpine, who collects 1959 coins.

Lauren said he's expanded the idea to include 1546, 1646, 1746, and 1846 coins "just for fun." Geoff includes a coin from the reign on Claudius, who ruled Rome in 46 AD, in his set.

"We're actually collecting as a community," Geoff said.

Speakers

May -- Speaker needed
June -- John Roberts, TBA
July -- Jeff Cranston, Columbian Exposition
TBA - Counterfeits III

50/50 jackpot

John Santini was not present to win last month's jackpot of $77. The jackpot rolls over this month.

Dan's show

When: April 18, May 16 and June 20
Where: Makoy Center, 5462 Center, Hilliard

Sharonville

Greater Cincinnati - Sharonville
When: June 11-12
Paul Padget has moved his show from the fall to the spring.

Quiz

Jeff's April quiz is "Courtesy of Hugh Mann and His Coin World Trivial Pursuit Set"

Auction

Lots: Send May lots to Steve Barnett - sbarnet5@columbus.rr.com - by May 10.

From the past

In 1907, Columbus hosted the ANA. Here's an excerpt. from an account that ran in the Oct-Nov. 1907 Numismatist:

The city was in gala attire as the boys began to arrive. Bunting and Bags draped the various buildings; electrical arches spanned High Street as far as the eye could see. Some said it was for the Buckeye Old Homecoming Week, but the boys said it was for the A. N. A. Convention. Be this as it may the bunting and the arches were there waiting for us when we arrived.

Mr. Henderson, the man of the hour, was at the railroad station to meet every incoming train and greeted the boys with a "welcome to our noble city." Sunday the boys began to pour into Columbus. Mr. Leon was about the first of the out of town members to put in an appearance, and by the time the rest began to arrive, he had gobbled up a few corner lots, visited all the banks and scooped up from under the eyes of the local fraternity a few choice slugs and other private gold.

Most of the members put up at the Neil House, which was the rendezvous for all the other members. Mr. Tom Elder lived in solitary state across the square. As Sunday drew to a close, Dr. Henderson, the ever watchful, with the assistance of Mr. A B. Coover, got all those already on hand together and presented them with a surprise in the shape of a supper at his home.

A most enjoyable evening was spent there Mrs. Henderson did the honors grandly and all down the street were sung her praises as the guests left later in the evening. It goes without saying that coins formed the chief topic both at the table and later on piazza...

When the bunch got back to the Neil House that evening two more had arrived, "the twins": "Charlies Gies" and "Uncle Joe." Then things began to happen and instead of getting to bed at a proper time, it was not until sometime the next day. One of the treasures Mr. Gies brought along was a 1816 half dollar. This later changed ownership for some unknown sum. Presumably Mr. Mitchelson took a notion to add it to his varied collection of trade dollars.

Messrs. "Harry" and Hudson Chapman, Mr. Marcuson and Mr. Misner, the large handed, had arrived during the day, groups and parties began to be formed, the short men picking out their running mates. At supper in the hotel that evening Mr. Elder exhibited a couple of "stellas" that he just picked up under the noses of the Columbus collectors, much to their chagrin. We do not know what disposition he has made of them. One was much better than the other.

In the evening a meeting under the auspices of the Columbus Society was held at the convention hall in the Board of Trade building. Mr. Buck set the ball rolling with an address of welcome.

The afternoon was given over to a public exhibition of coins. Mr. Granberg and the Messrs. Chapman had the finest exhibits. Mr. Granberg's private gold made those present do a little thinking. It is estimated that there were $125,000 worth of coins shown that day.

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